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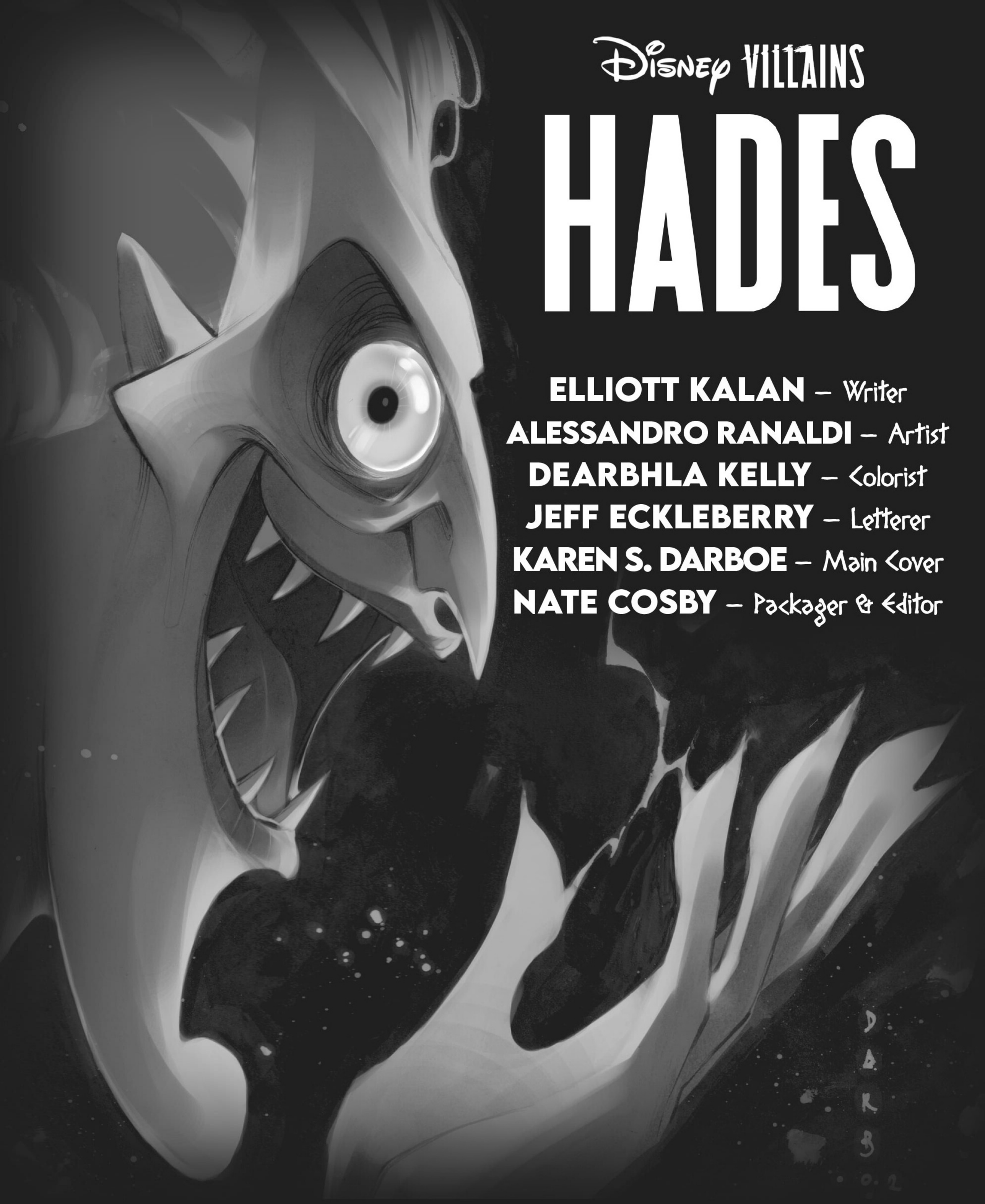

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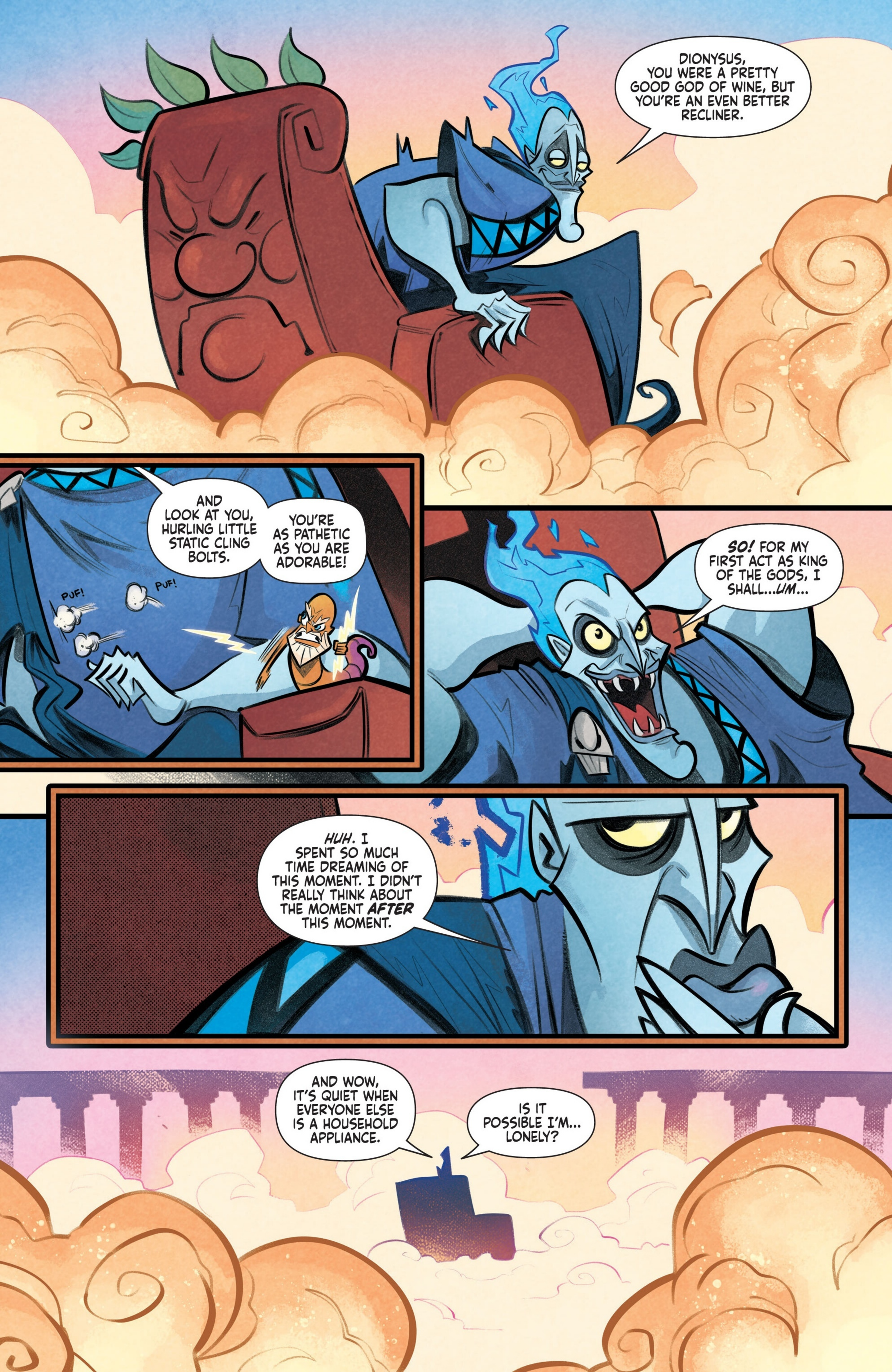
IF THE KING OF THE GODS COULD HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE? I SHALL NOW DECLAIM THE EPIC TALE...
OF OUR MOUNT OLYMPUS BRUNCH!
LO, AND DID MIGHTY ZEUS DECLARE THAT A GATHERING BE HELD.
WITH EGGS MOST BENEDICT, AND ALL THE IMMORTALS IN ATTENDANCE!
NOT ALL THE IMMORTALS, YOU BOLT-THROWING BLOWHARD!
POOF!
DID WE MISS IT?
OOH, THIS IS GOING TO BE GOOD!

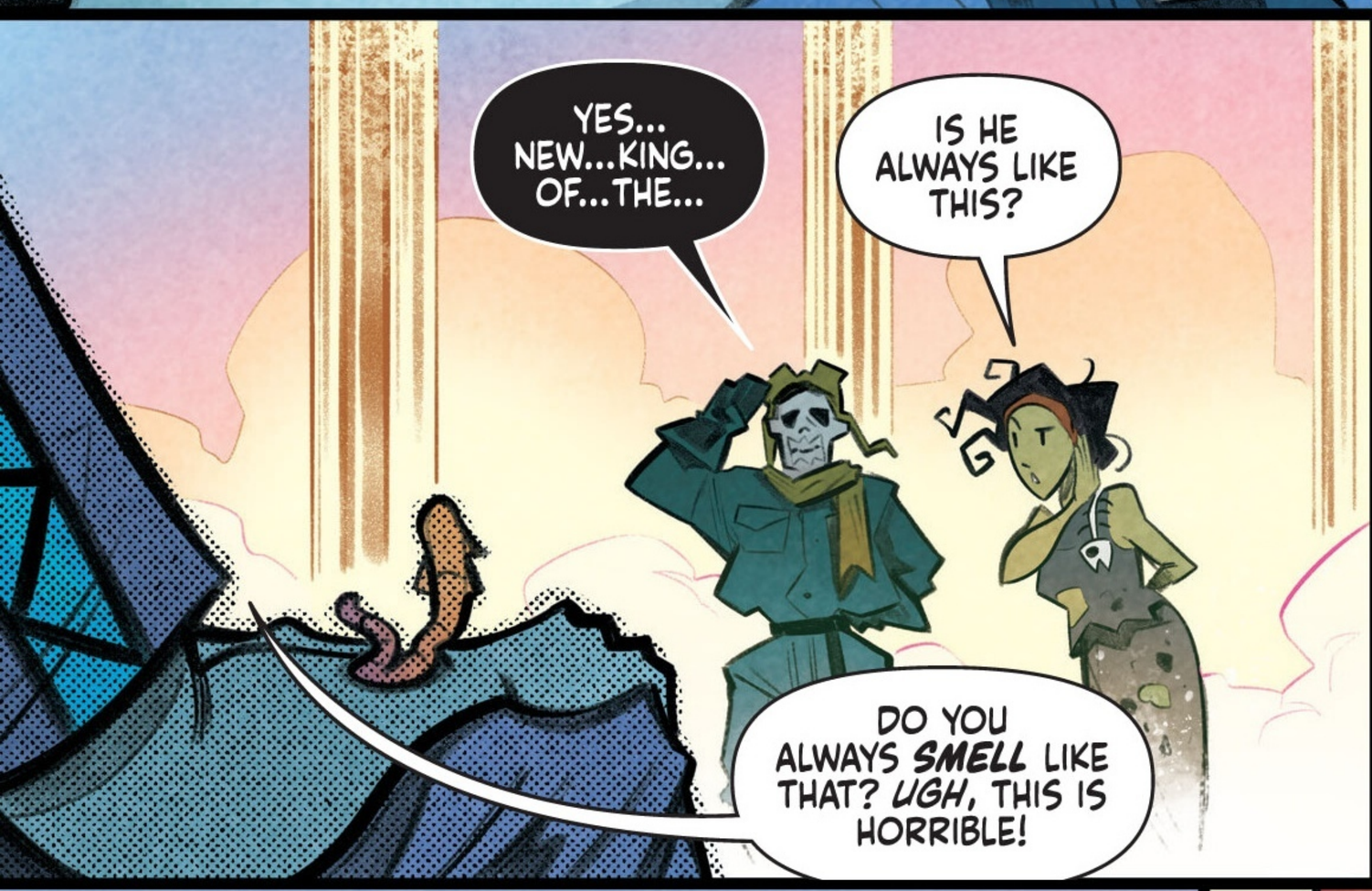
I BELIEVE MY INVITATION GOT LOST IN THE MAIL!
HADES!
THAT'S RIGHT! LORD OF THE UNDERWORLD! AND NOW, BEARER OF THE GOLDEN FLEECE!
I'M YOUR OLDER BROTHER, ZEUS! AND I WAS STEPPED OVER! I'M SMART AND I WANT RESPECT!
NOW SEE HERE, HADES. I'M KING OF THE GODS--
NOT ANYMORE, YOU'RE NOT.
POOF!
YOU'RE A WORM.

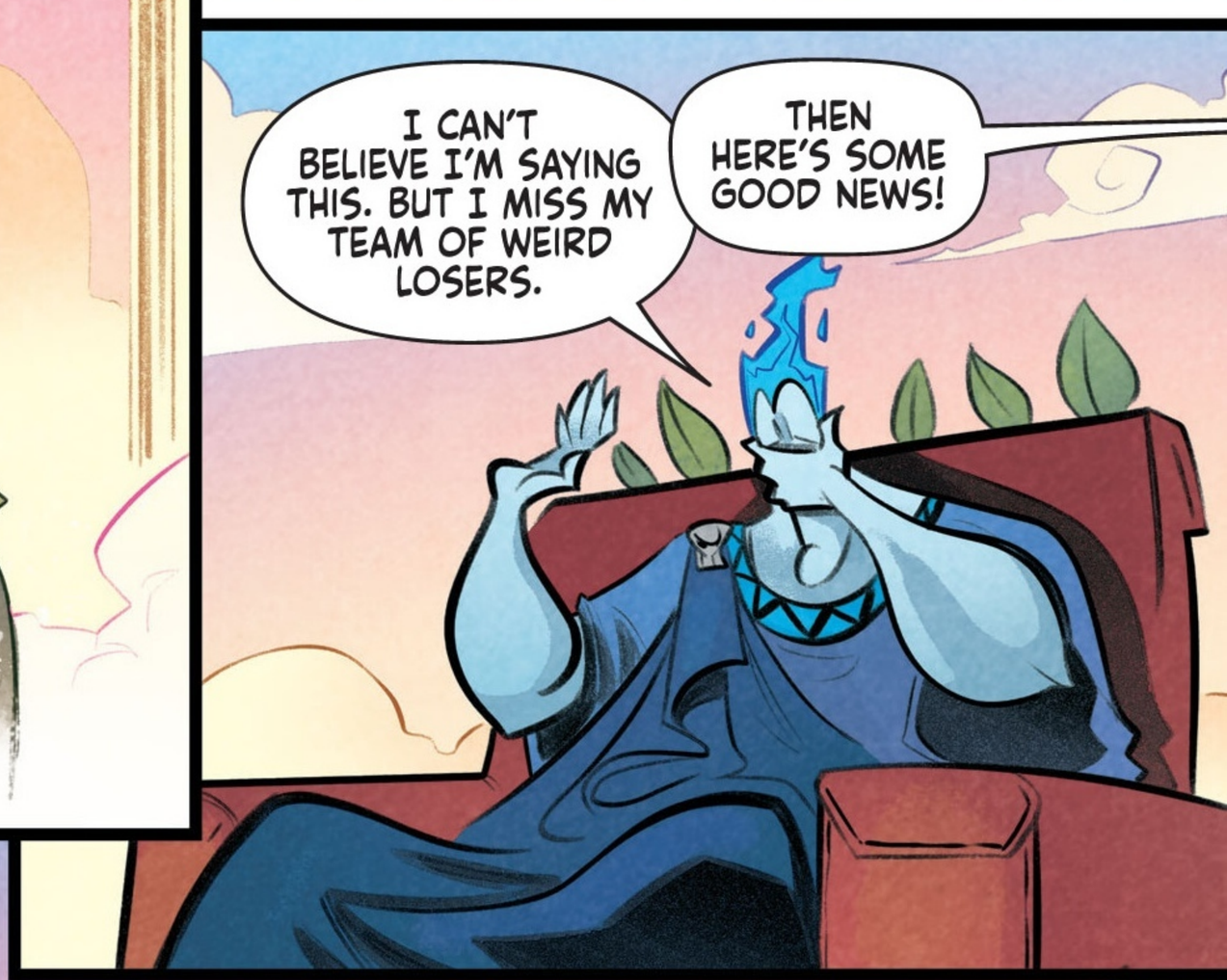
POOF!
POSEIDON? YOU'RE A CUPCAKE.
POOF!
HERA? YOU'RE A LIGHTING FIXTURE.
POOF!
Wish U Were... Ares
ARES? YOU'RE AN INSINCERE POSTCARD.
POOF!
HERMES? YOU'RE A GRECIAN URN.
POOF!
VHS
APHRODITE? YOU'RE PICKLED OLIVES.
ATHENA? YOU'RE FUTURISTIC-TO-US-BUT-SOMEDAY-OUTDATED PHYSICAL RECORDING MEDIA.
CLOACINA?
EH, BEING SEWER GODDESS IS BAD ENOUGH ALREADY.
HA HA HA! LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE NEW KING OF THE GODS, FOLKS!
SISTERS, YOU *WISH* YOU HAD OUR EYE RIGHT NOW!

MEDUSA, DOES IT STRIKE YOU THAT OUR REVENGE PLAN IS A LITTLE... IMPOSSIBLE?
DON'T LOSE FAITH. WITHOUT HIS IMMORTALITY, AND HIS MAGIC POWERS, AND THE FLEECE, HE'S JUST ANOTHER MAD GOD.
THANK YOU FOR THE REASSURANCE.
FIRE-MAN IS REAL JERK!
TRUE. HE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE ICARUS HAD DIED.
WHAT A MONSTER!
WHAT DID SHE SAY?
I ASSUME SHE WAS REMINDING US THAT YOU KILLED ICARUS.
WHICH ONE WAS ICARUS AGAIN?


DIONYSUS, YOU WERE A PRETTY GOOD GOD OF WINE, BUT YOU'RE AN EVEN BETTER RECLINER.
AND LOOK AT YOU, HURLING LITTLE STATIC CLING BOLTS.
YOU'RE AS PATHETIC AS YOU ARE ADORABLE!
PUF!
PUF!
SO! FOR MY FIRST ACT AS KING OF THE GODS, I SHALL...UM...
HUH. I SPENT SO MUCH TIME DREAMING OF THIS MOMENT. I DIDN'T REALLY THINK ABOUT THE MOMENT AFTER THIS MOMENT.
AND WOW, IT'S QUIET WHEN EVERYONE ELSE IS A HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE.
IS IT POSSIBLE I'M... LONELY?

NO! NO! *IMPOSSIBLE!* BESIDES, I'M NOT ALONE!
CHARON! CLOACINA! GET OVER HERE!


YES... NEW...KING... OF...THE...
IS HE ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
DO YOU ALWAYS *SMELL* LIKE THAT? *UGH*, THIS IS HORRIBLE!


I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS. BUT I MISS MY TEAM OF WEIRD LOSERS.
THEN HERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS!

I GOT YOUR WEIRD LOSERS RIGHT HERE.
MUST WE RUN WITH THE *"WEIRD LOSERS"* LABEL?

BUDDIES! PALS! PULL UP A CHAIR THAT USED TO BE A GOD! HOW YA BEEN?
SNAKE
WE'RE HERE FOR REVENGE.
AW, THAT'S CUTE. 'CAUSE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET IT.
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!
BZZ BZZ!
WHAT, IS THAT SOME COOL TOUGH THING FOR A SPIDER TO SAY?
THWIP!
DIE, LIAR!
THAT'S ALL YOU'VE GOT?! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE OUT OF POUTY PURPLE PROSE!
RAARRGH!
COME ON, CAN'T YOU MORONS TAKE A JOKE?!

THIS GREEK TRAGEDY'S GONE ON LONG ENOUGH!
POOF!
THAT'S BETTER.
WHAT HAPPEN TO MINOTAUR'S FIST?
THE SAME THING THAT'S HAPPENED TO ME, *CHIRP CHIRP!* HADES TRANSFORMED US! NOW EVEN IF I DID FIND MY BELOVED EURYDICE, SHE WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE ME.
AND I'M STUCK AS THE ONLY BIRD WITH NO SENSE OF MUSIC ASIDE FROM PERCUSSION...
BUT I'M THE SAME. WHY? I BETRAYED YOU!
EXACTLY. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE HERE WHO BETRAYED ME BEFORE I COULD BETRAY THEM FIRST.
AND AS A RESULT, I THINK I'M...KIND OF INTO YOU?

SO WHAT DO YOU SAY? YOU, ME, AND THE FLEECE RULING OVER A WORLD OF IMMORTAL HOME FURNISHINGS?
CHIRP CHIRP, THIS GOT WEIRD.
BUNNATAUR AGREE.
!
I SAY...
SNAKE
SCORE ONE FOR SNAKE HAIR!
HASTA LA VISTA, HADES!
BY HERA'S SANDAL CLOSET, SHE'S GETTING AWAY!
CHARON! AFTER HER!

O...KAY... MY...
DON'T WASTE TIME FINISHING THAT SENTENCE, JUST FLY!
YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME, LORD OF THE UNDERDORKS!
THE POWER OF TRANSFORMATION IS MINE!
ER, WAS MINE.
WE DO IT! CHANGE US BACK, ORPHEUS BIRD!
WITHOUT DELAY!
RETURN US TO OUR ORIGINAL FORMS!
POOF!
I...SHOULD HAVE WAITED UNTIL WE WERE ON THE GROUND.
BZZ BZZ-- OH WAIT, I CAN TALK AGAIN. I MEANT TO SAY, "YA THINK?"

ARACHNE! SAVE US WITH A WEB LINE!
I CAN'T! MY BUTT DOESN'T DO THAT ANYMORE!
FAIR EURYDICE'S SHADE! WE ARE TO BE REUNITED, JUST NOT HOW I EXPECTED!
WELL, ARMS AND LEGS, GLAD I GOT A CHANCE TO SAY GOODBYE TO YOU.
NO SAY GOODBYE! NO EURIPIDES SHAVE!
ME SAVE YOU!
ME HOPE.
BOOM!

ARE THEY DEAD?
WE CAN ONLY HOPE! WHERE'D THE FLEECE GO?

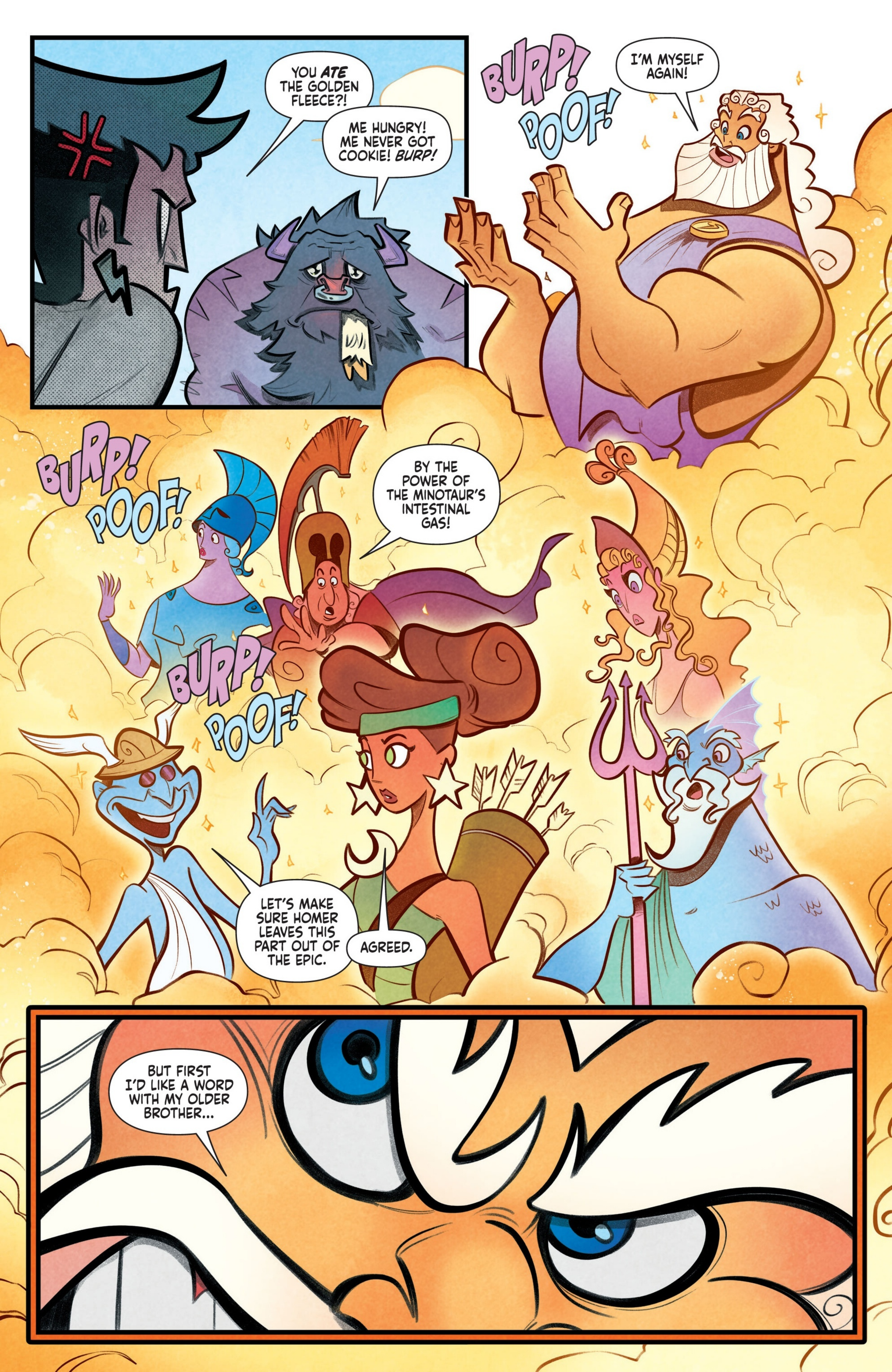
AS ALWAYS, HADES, YOU ARE THE PICTURE OF EMPATHY.
ME DID IT!
YOU SAVED US, YOU LOVABLE ABOMINATION!

OKAY, FUN TIMES OVER, KIDDIES.
HAND OVER THE FLEECE AND NOBODY GETS TORTURED FOR ALL ETERNITY.

OH NO, THE SANDAL'S ON THE OTHER FOOT THIS TIME!
HAND ME THE FLEECE SO I CAN DESTROY THIS GOD FOR GOOD!

GUYS? THE FLEECE?
I DON'T HAVE IT.
MINOTAUR?

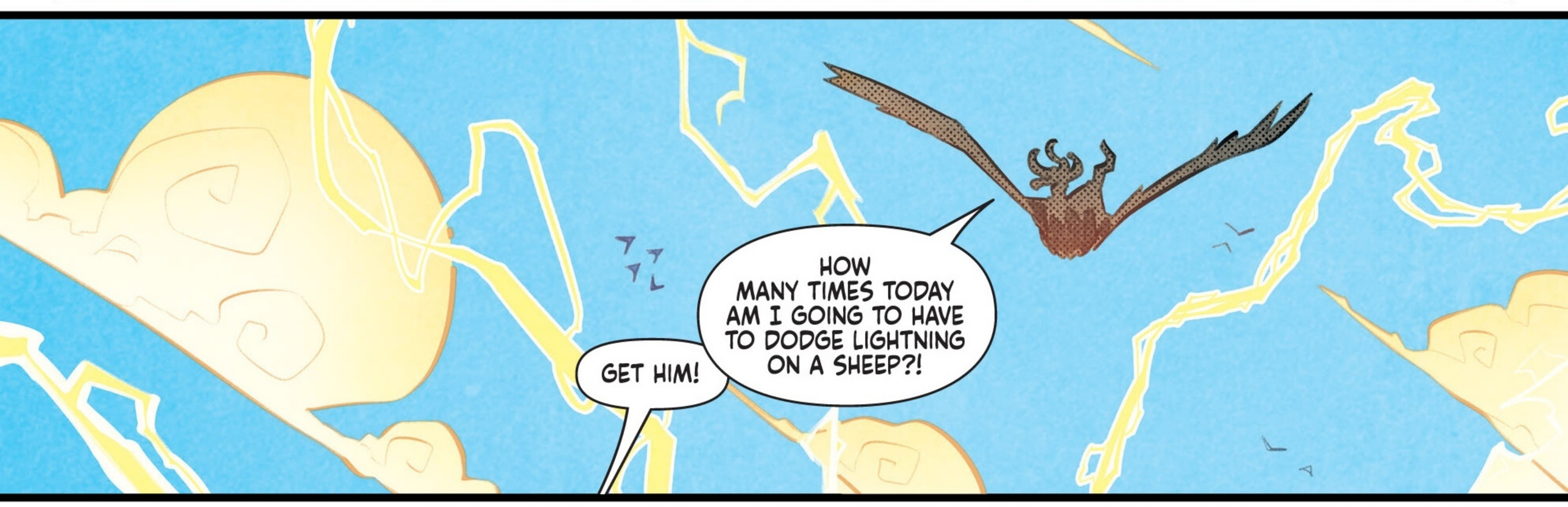
OH NO.
BURP!


YOU ATE THE GOLDEN FLEECE?!
ME HUNGRY! ME NEVER GOT COOKIE! BURP!
BURP! POOF!
I'M MYSELF AGAIN!
BURP! POOF!
BY THE POWER OF THE MINOTAUR'S INTESTINAL GAS!
BURP! POOF!
LET'S MAKE SURE HOMER LEAVES THIS PART OUT OF THE EPIC.
AGREED.
BUT FIRST I'D LIKE A WORD WITH MY OLDER BROTHER...

HEY, NO HARD FEELINGS, RIGHT, FAM? EVERYTHING TURNED OUT FOR THE BEST! WE'LL LAUGH ABOUT THIS AT NEXT WEEK'S BRUNCH!

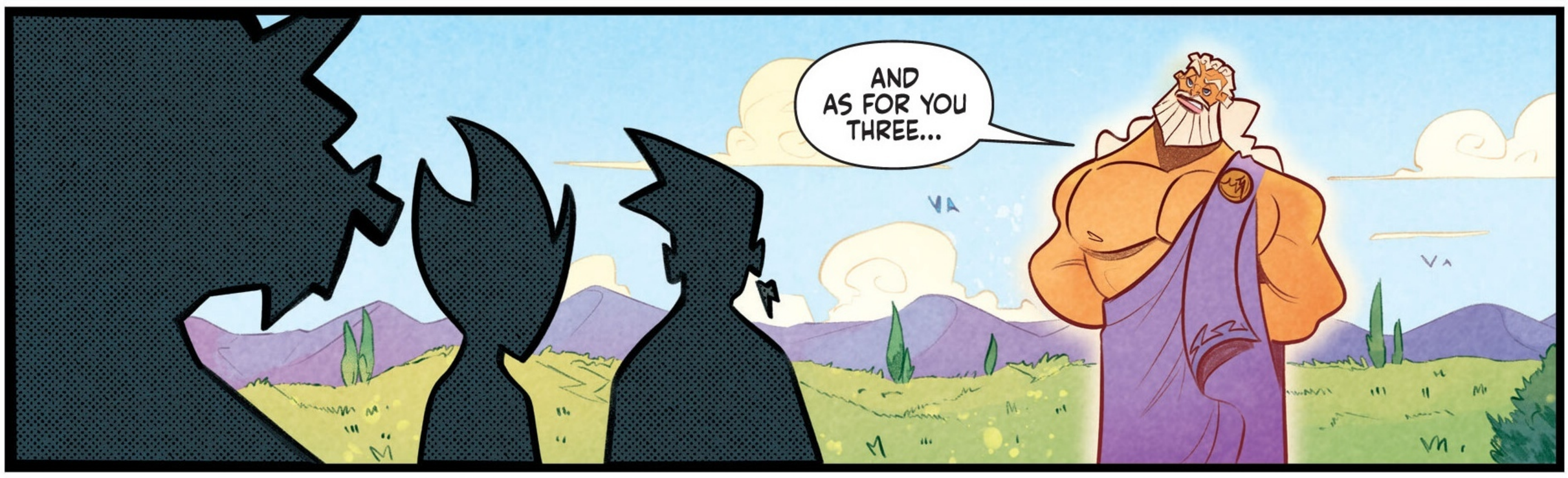
WHAT DO YOU THINK, CLOACINA?
LET'S SHOW HIM HOW WE DO THINGS IN THE SEWERS...

AS EDUCATIONAL AS THAT SOUNDS, I'VE GOT A PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT! SO LONG, SUCKERS!


GET HIM!
HOW MANY TIMES TODAY AM I GOING TO HAVE TO DODGE LIGHTNING ON A SHEEP?!

FASTER! FASTER, SNAKES-FOR-BRAINS!
THEY'RE NOT SNAKES, THEY'RE HAIR!
I DIDN'T HAVE TO SAVE YOU, YOU KNOW! I COULD HAVE BETRAYED YOU AGAIN.
YEAH, SURE, BUT THEN YOU REALIZED A RUTHLESS KING OF THE DEAD MIGHT BE WHAT'S MISSING FROM YOUR LIFE!
NOT THAT NOW'S EXACTLY THE BEST TIME TO FIGURE THAT OUT, WHEN THE WHOLE MYTH-BLASTED PANTHEON IS ON OUR TAIL!
WAIT, CAN'T YOU TELEPORT?
OH, RIGHT.
PUFF!

WELL, I KNOW SOMEONE WHO WON'T BE INVITED TO POSEIDON'S POOL PARTY.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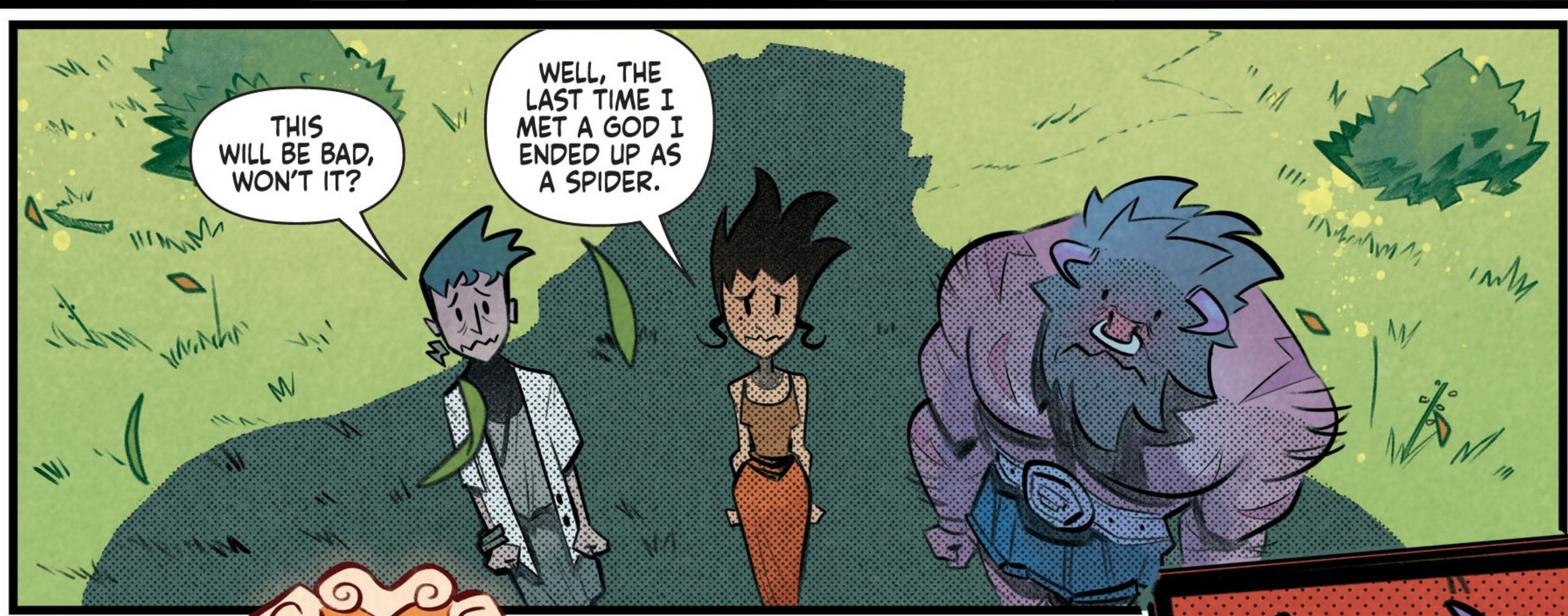

THIS WILL BE BAD, WON'T IT?
WELL, THE LAST TIME I MET A GOD I ENDED UP AS A SPIDER.

THANK YOU.
PLEASE DON'T HURT US!
WAIT, WHAT?

IF NOT FOR YOUR HUBRIS IN TAKING ON HADES, HE'D BE RULING THE UNIVERSE AND I'D BE UNDER HIS REAR END.
WE GODS ARE IN YOUR DEBT.

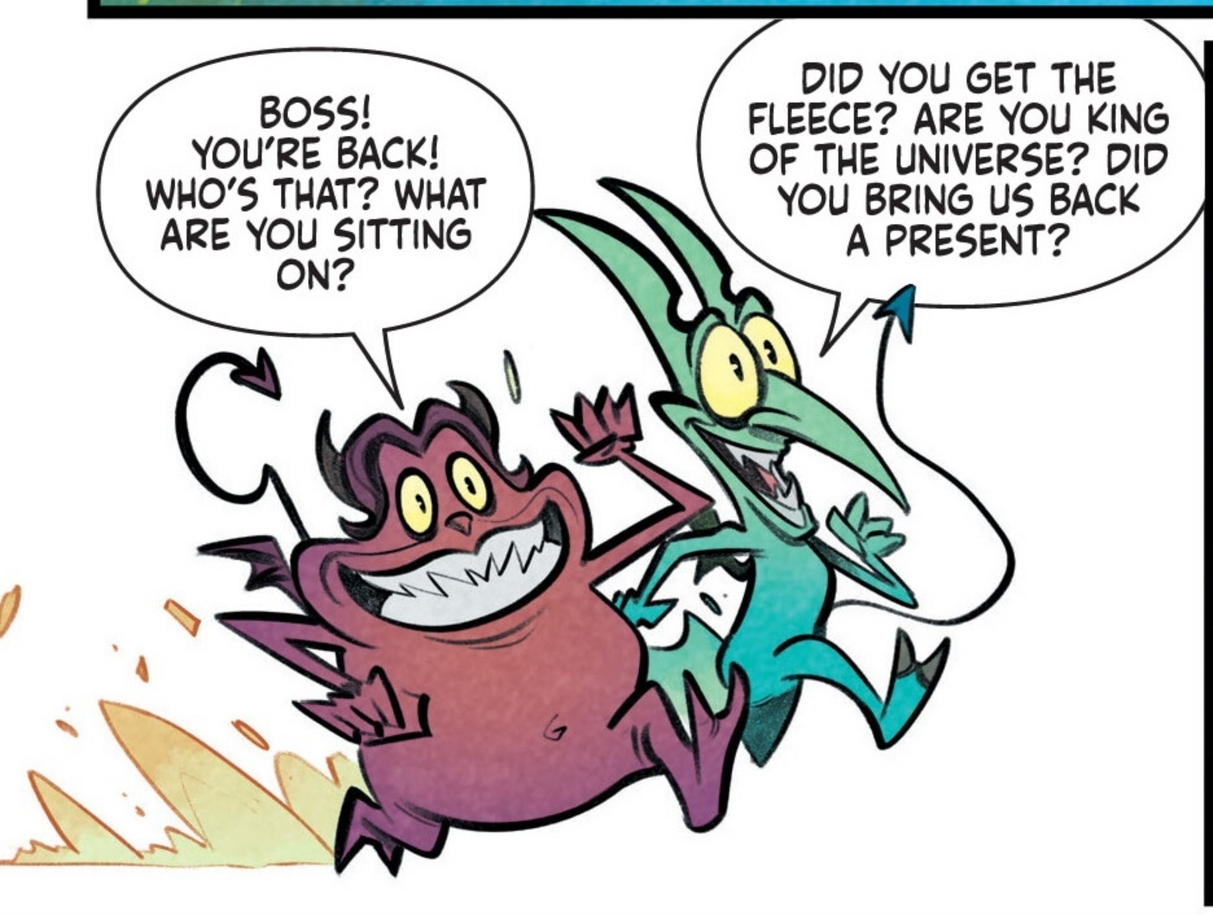
IN FACT, I BELIEVE MY DAUGHTER ATHENA OWES ONE OF YOU AN APOLOGY.
DAD, SERIOUSLY?! DO I HAVE TO?

UGH, FINE. I'M SORRY I TURNED YOU INTO A SPIDER WITH A HUMAN HEAD.
APOLOGY ACCEPTED. PARTLY BECAUSE I'M STILL SCARED.

MR. LIGHTNING-BEARD-MAN? ME MISS BLANKIE.

AND TO BLANKIE YOU SHALL RETURN. WITH THE POWER OF ZEUS, I SEND YOU ALL BACK TO THE HUMAN HOMES WHICH HADES TRICKED YOU INTO LEAVING.
AND AS FOR US, I THINK THERE'S STILL SOME HOLLANDAISE LEFT.

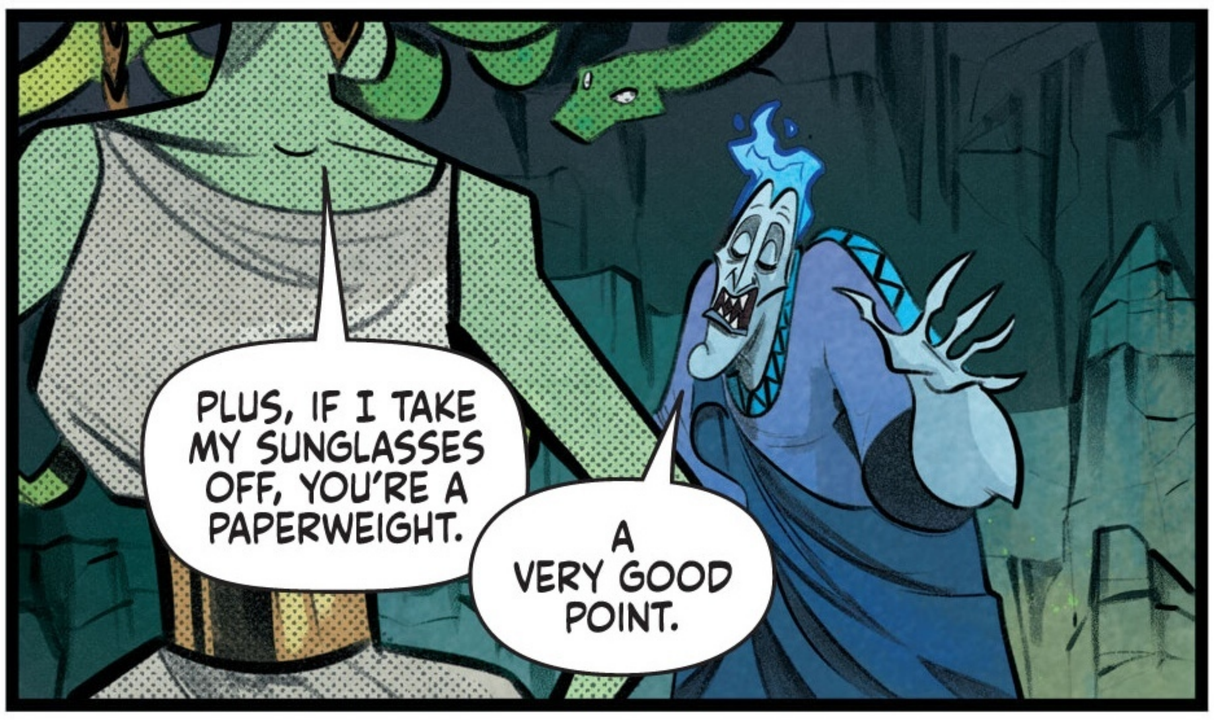
WE MADE IT! HOW LONG UNTIL THEY COME AFTER US?
EH, IF I KNOW THE OLYMPIANS, THEY'RE ALREADY BEARD-DEEP IN BENEDICT.


BOSS! YOU'RE BACK! WHO'S THAT? WHAT ARE YOU SITTING ON?
DID YOU GET THE FLEECE? ARE YOU KING OF THE UNIVERSE? DID YOU BRING US BACK A PRESENT?

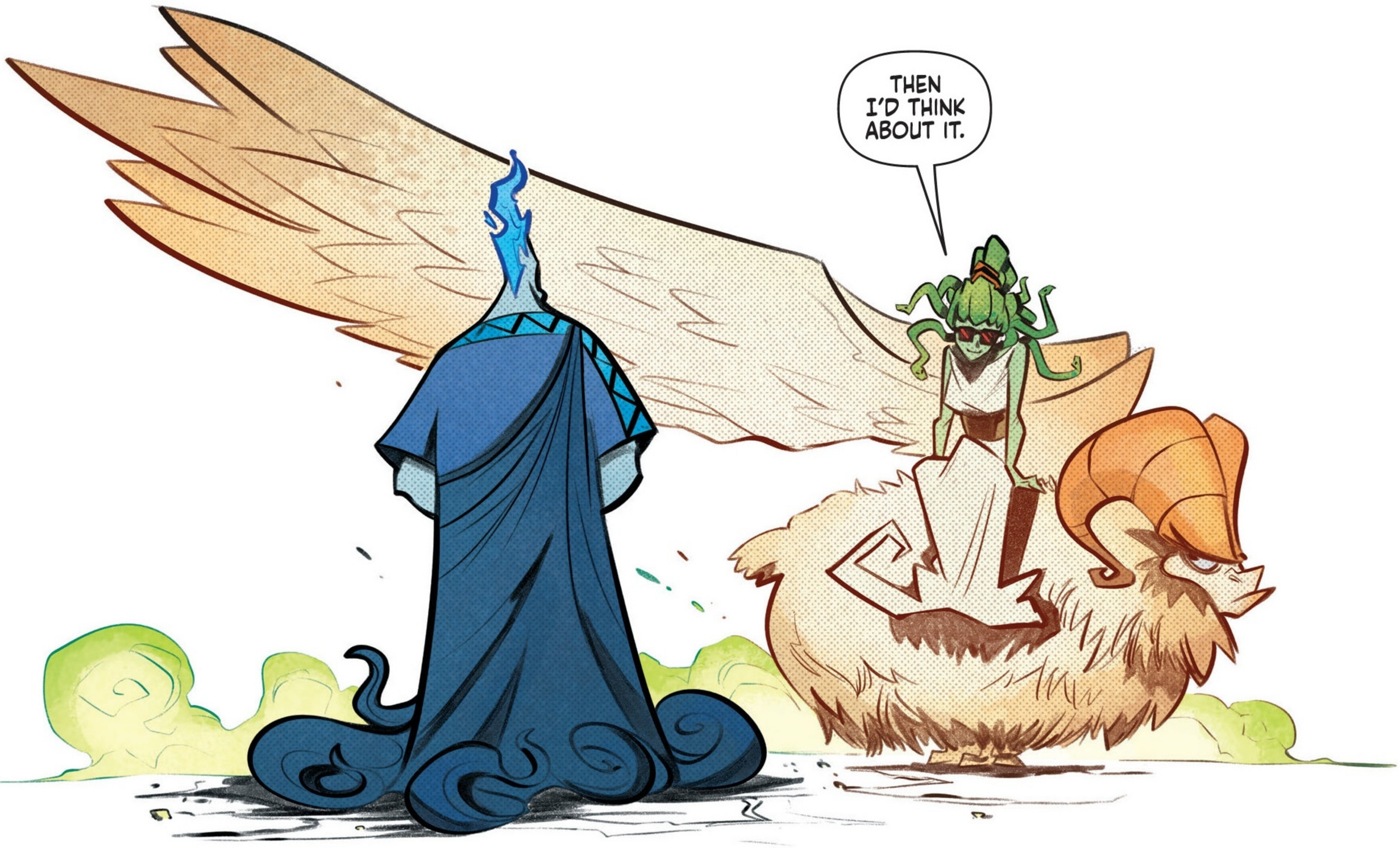
PLINK!

HA
SNAKE
SEE, 'DUSA! WE HAVE A GOOD TIME TOGETHER! I KNOW THIS FLEECE CAPER DIDN'T WORK OUT, BUT THERE'S LOTS OF EVIL STUFF WE CAN PULL OFF. WHAT DO YOU SAY?
HADES... WELL...

IT'D NEVER WORK OUT. A RELATIONSHIP HAS TO BE BUILT ON TRUST, AND YOU'RE TOTALLY UNTRUSTWORTHY. SO AM I.
SNAKE

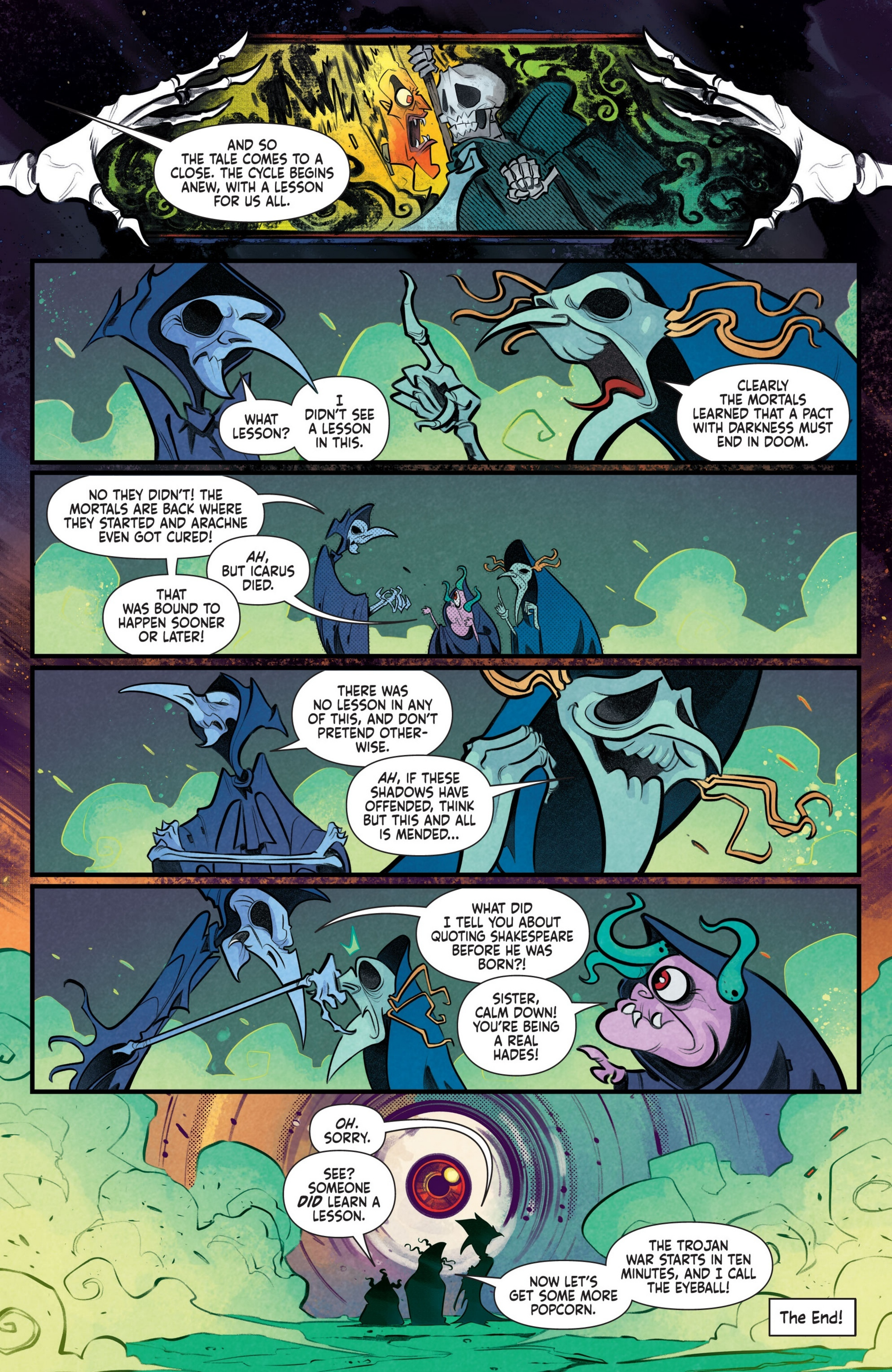

PLUS, IF I TAKE MY SUNGLASSES OFF, YOU'RE A PAPERWEIGHT.
A VERY GOOD POINT.

BUT WHAT IF I STOPPED BEING ME AND YOU STOPPED BEING YOU?


THEN I'D THINK ABOUT IT.

SEE YOU AROUND, YOU SOULLESS CREEP!
RIGHT BACK AT YOU, YOU CURSED MONSTER!

OKAY, FINE, EVEN I CAN SEE THAT SOMEHOW I ALWAYS END UP IN THE DISSATISFIED COLUMN.
WHAT WAS IT PAIN AND PANIC HAD SUGGESTED?
THAT I BE LESS, Y'KNOW, EVIL?
DO GOOD THINGS FOR OTHERS SO THEY CAN RELY AND DEPEND ON ME?
IN OTHER WORDS, LET THEM WALK ALL OVER ME?!
WHAT KIND OF UNDERWORLD IS THAT?!
WHERE'S THE FEAR?
WHERE'S THE TREMBLING?
AND THE DEAD ARE DOING WHAT? RESTING IN SOME KIND OF PEACE?!
I MEAN LOOK AT THAT BACKLOG! ONLY A BULLY CAN KEEP A PLACE LIKE THIS IN LINE!
CHARON! GET YOUR LAZY BONES OVER HERE! NOBODY NAPS ON THE JOB WHEN HADES IS AROUND!


AND SO THE TALE COMES TO A CLOSE. THE CYCLE BEGINS ANEW, WITH A LESSON FOR US ALL.
WHAT LESSON?
I DIDN'T SEE A LESSON IN THIS.
CLEARLY THE MORTALS LEARNED THAT A PACT WITH DARKNESS MUST END IN DOOM.
NO THEY DIDN'T! THE MORTALS ARE BACK WHERE THEY STARTED AND ARACHNE EVEN GOT CURED!
AH, BUT ICARUS DIED.
THAT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER!
THERE WAS NO LESSON IN ANY OF THIS, AND DON'T PRETEND OTHER-WISE.
AH, IF THESE SHADOWS HAVE OFFENDED, THINK BUT THIS AND ALL IS MENDED...
WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT QUOTING SHAKESPEARE BEFORE HE WAS BORN?!
SISTER, CALM DOWN! YOU'RE BEING A REAL HADES!
OH. SORRY.
SEE? SOMEONE DID LEARN A LESSON.
NOW LET'S GET SOME MORE POPCORN.
THE TROJAN WAR STARTS IN TEN MINUTES, AND I CALL THE EYEBALL!
The End!

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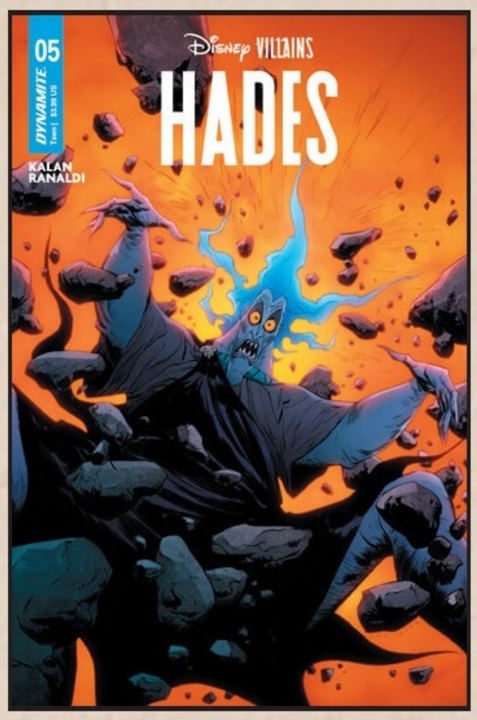

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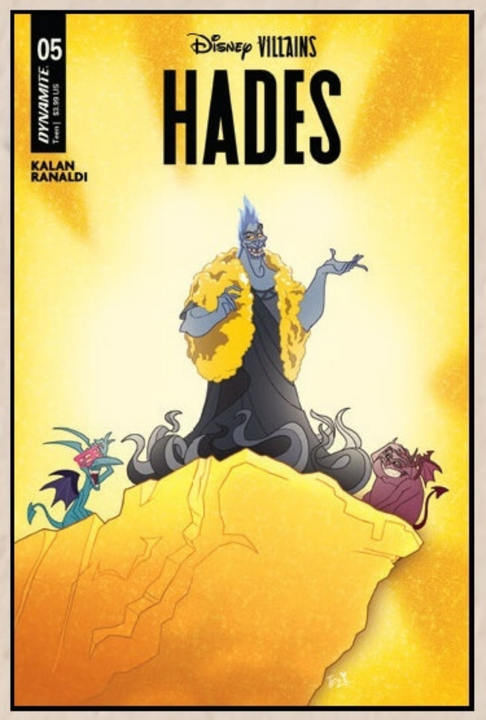

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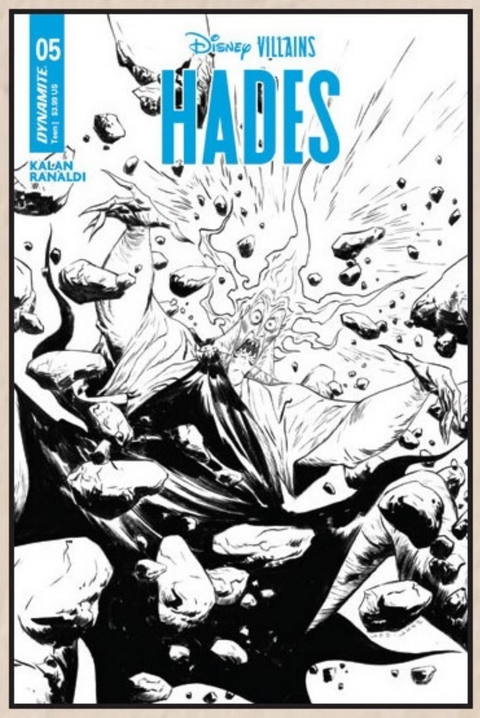

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